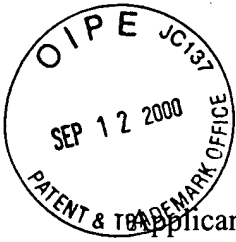


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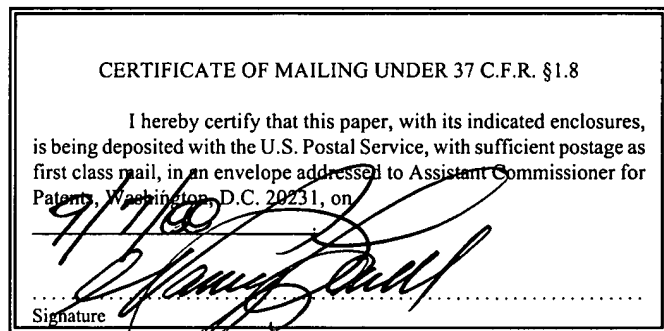
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Therefore, no fee is believed to be due for this submission. However, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency to our deposit account 10-0447, reference 48906.2USPT(BAI).

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